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FOR NEA ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, MO
SUBJ: PRESS REPORT ON KING HASSAN'S VISIT

1. FOLLOWING AFP TICKER WITH 9/13 WASHINGTON DATELINE HAS JUST
APPEARED ON WIRES (EMBASSY TRANSLATION).

BEGIN TEXT WASHINGTON 9/13 (AFP) DR. AHMED LARAKI, MOROCCAN
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARRIVED MONDAY NIGHT IN WASHINGTON
FOR A TWO DAY OFFICIAL VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF HIS AMERICAN
COUNTERPART MR. CYRUS VANCE.

THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH DR. LARAKI WILL HAVE TUESDAY WITH MR. VANCE
AT A WORKING LUNCHEON AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL DEAL NOTABLY
WITH THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, RHODESIA, AND THE WESTERN
SAHARA. THE TWO MINISTERS WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE TO EXAMINE
MOROCCAN-U.S. RELATIONS.

PLANS FOR A VISIT BY KING HASSAN TO THE UNITED STATES
WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. THE MOROCCAN SOVEREIGN, INDICATED
AN AMERICAN SOURCE, WILL PROBABLY GO TO WASHINGTON NEXT DECEMBER.
HIS LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WAS IN 1967.

DR. LARAKI, WHO ARRIVED ABOARD THE SUPERSONIC CONCORDE, WAS
WELCOMED ON HIS ARRIVAL BY MR. ROY ATHERTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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OF STATE FOR NEA AND MR. ALI BENGELLOUN MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO
WASHINGTON. END TEXT

2. HOPE YOU AND THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI PRESS HANDLING OF THIS MATTER AS
WE HAD FIRM COMMITMENT WITH MOROCCANS TO COORDINATE ANY PUBLIC
RELEASES ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE SOONEST.
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